GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ENCROACHMENTS IN MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `ASI fails to stop encroachment` appearing in The Hindu dated November 25, 2002;

(b)if so, the details of buildings which are illegally built up with in the 300 metres area around Siri Fort Wall and other protected monuments;

(c)the reasons for failure to honour the Delhi High Court orders; and

(d)the steps being taken by the Central Government to check encroachment in future and remove the present encroachments?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)The details are being collected and the information will be placed on the table of the House.

(c)In compliance with the orders of the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi, necessary action has already been taken.

(d)Necessary steps have already been initiated to contain encroachments around the monuments by providing boundary wall and M.S. grillfencing. Besides, accelerated security and petrolling have already been initiated. In addition,civic bodies of the Delhi Government have been approached not to consider any building plan within the radius of300 m from the protected limits of the monuments without the formal approval of the Archaeological Survey of India.The assistance of the district authorities and the police have been sought to remove the encroachments around the centrally protected monuments in Delhi.